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SUBJ: PERUVIAN PRESS COVERAGE ON IPC ISSUE

REFS: LIMA 10713, LIMA 10690, STATE 275595

1. LIMA DAILIES CARRY MAJOR STORIES ON IPC ISSUE MORNING DECEMBER

20. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

A. "EL COMERCIO" STATED "US PAID ESSO \$22 MILLION IN SPITE OF PROTEST BY PERU." STORY THEN QUOTES VERBATIM UPI TEXT, DATED DECEMBER 19 FROM WASHINGTON, NOTING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO QUESTION ON THIS ISSUE BY EXPLAINING THAT ART. 3 OF AGREEMENT STATES THAT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES." STORY CONTINUES THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCED DISTRIBUTION TO 12 COMPANIES, INCLUDING ESSO STANDARD.

IT THEN SAYS THAT LIMA GOVERNMENT ACCUSED USG OF "VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT. IT ALSO SAYS THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE PERUVIAN NOTE AND WOULD COMMENT ON IT WHEN THE NOTE HAD BEEN STUDIED. IN MEANTIME, STORY CONTINUES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RELEASED SHORT PRESS STATEMENT CITING LEGAL REFERENCES AND THAT DISTRIBUTION MADE UNDER ART. 3. (NOTE: SPANISH LANGUAGE QUOTATION OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE WITHIN UPI STORY CONTAINED BASIC LANGUAGE ORIGINALLY SENT US IN STATE 275595 PLUS ADDITIONAL STATEMENT, AS REQUESTED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMA 10690, THAT "THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT NECESSARILY IN

AGEEMENT WITH THE MANNER BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DETERMINED
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS.")

B. "LA CRONICA" BANNER HEADLINED" US JUSTIFIES VIOLATION OF
ACCORD." IT THEN PRESENTS EDITED VERSION OF UPI STORY WITH LIST
OF COMPANIES AND PAYMENTS RECEIVED.

C. "ESPRESSO" HEADLINE SAYS "TEXT OF AGREEMENT WITH US IS CLEAR;
THE PROVOCATION AS WELL." IT THEN CARRIES TEXTS OF ANNEXES A AND B
OF AGREEMENT AND ATTEMPTS MAKE POINT THAT ANNEX B DOES NOT GIVE
RIGHT TO USG TO PAY ESSO SINCE "IN ANNEX B THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT WHICH PERU HAS STATED IN ANNEX A.
SPECIFYING THE COMPANIES TO WHICH THE AGREEMENT ALLUDES, DOES NOT
MODITY 'BY INTERPRETATION OR OTHERWISE' THE PROVISIONS OF THE
AGREEMENT".

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